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SUBJECT: U.S. AIRLIFT BEGINS FROM NOVA LISBOA

1. I WENT TO NOVA LISBOA ON SEPTEMBER 6 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TDY PERSONNEL FOR THE U.S. AIRLIFT BETWEEN NOVA LISBOA AND LISBON. THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PLANE ON WHICH I STARTED OUT TURNED BACK WHEN THEY RECEIVED WORD THAT UNITA WOULD SHOOT AT ANY PORTUGUESE MILITARY CRAFT. THE REPORT TURNED OUT TO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING. MEANWHILE I MANAGED TO GET ABOARD A SMALL

PRIVATE CRAFT THAT WAS JUST ABOUT TO TAKE OFF.

2. ALL HOTELS IN NOVA LISBOA ARE FULL AND I ARRANGED WITH A FRIEND FOR THE USE OF HIS FIVE BEDROOM HOME FOR OUR PERSONNEL. ANOTHER FRIEND PROVIDED A CAR. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY WILL PROVIDE GASOLINE AS REQUIRED. USG EMPLOYEES MAY EAT AT THE OFFICERS' MESS. A LOCAL WOMAN WILL ACT AS INTERPRETER UNTIL A PROFESSIONAL CAN BE FOUND.

3. THE TIA PLANE WITH GEORGE BEAUCHAMP AND JOHN MILLER ABOARD ARRIVED IN NOVA LISBOA AT 0730 ON SEPTEMBER 7. THE PLANE LEFT ABOUT THREE HOURS LATER WITH ALL 254 SEATS FULL. ONE TAP PLANE ALSO TOOK OUT REFUGEES ON SEPTEMBER 7. MILLER IS SETTING UP HIS RADIO GEAR IN THE OLD TOWER ADJOINING THE HUAMBO AIR CLUB AND HOPES TO BE OPERATIONAL SOMETIME SEPTEMBER 8. BEAUCHAMP PROBABLY WILL SET UP SHOP IN THE SAME PLACE, AS IT IS HANDY TO THE AREA WHERE FINAL PROCESSING OF THE REFUGEES TAKES PLACE. TIA AND WORLD AIRWAYS REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW STATIONED IN NOVA LISBOA.

4. I LEFT NOVA LISBOA EARLY SEPTEMBER 8, BEFORE THE USG CHARTER PLANES ARRIVED, BUT A TAP PLANE THAT ARRIVED AT 0530 TOOK ON REFUGEES AND BAGGAGE AND LEFT ABOUT 0630. I RETURNED TO LUANDA ABOARD A PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PLANE.
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